I told them that we should not be satisfied that the petitioners had asked & confidently expected that they, Legislature would cover the whole ground this year & done with it — that if they would put the word immediate in the right place, we would not trouble them with any arguments, if not we desired a hearing — whereupon they had a consultation together — & then, the Chr returned & told me that the Committee would hear us — that he was going home to stay abt 10 days, & would give me notice when he came back — I think it prob. therefore that we shall be heard sometime next week before both committees & I shall be very much gratified if you should be able to be with us

Your friend
Francis Jackson

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Boston Feb 11 1839

Dear Sir

Yours of the 8th is rec'd & the request therein contained shall receive my attention & my vote if need be.

I send you a sermon recently preached by Mr Pierpont to his own people. It produced so much excitement & dissatisfaction among his pro-slavery & Anti-Temperance parishioners that he told them on the following Sunday that he should publish it at his own expense & place a copy in every pew, desiring of them a careful perusal. & stated most emphatically that it contained no sentiment that he was not willing to stand by or fall by.

It was distributed yesterday. but whether the reading will allay the excitement produced by the delivery remains to be seen.

Your foreign slave trade & colonization Memorial signed by upwards of 100 names was presented by Mr Bradburn of Nantucket last Friday & referred to the Com. who have that subject in charge.

I hope you will be able to take part in its support or if not able to speak that you will be present to make suggestions & give facts to those who do. Mr Phillips is to see the Chr. Mr Blake & delay the hearing until you can come if they will consent.

I have had several interviews with the Chr. of the Slavery Com. Mr Filley of Berkshire. I find they are all willing to cover the same ground of last year & not willing to go farther